

JOINT CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

Resolution requesting Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which amendment shall provide for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

Whereas, a large number of State Legislatures have at various times adopted memorials and resolutions in favor of election of United States Senators by popular vote;

And, Whereas; the National House of Representatives has, on four separate occasions, within recent years, adopted resolutions in favor of this proposed change in the method of electing United States Senators, which were not adopted by the Senate;

And, Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides that Congress, on the application of legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a convention for proposed amendments, And believing there is a general desire upon the part of the citizens of the State of Montana that the United States Senators should be elected by a direct vote of the people,

Therefore be it Resolved (if the Senate concur), that the legislature of the State of Montana favors the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution which shall provide for the election of United States Senators by popular vote, and joins with other States of the Union in respectfully requesting that a convention be called for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as provided for in Article V of the said Constitution, which amendment shall provide for a change in the present method of electing United States Senators, so that they can be chosen in each State by direct vote of the people.

Resolved, That a copy of this joint resolution and application to Congress for the calling of a convention be sent to the secretary of state of each of the United States, and that a similar copy be sent to the President of the United States Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved Feb'y 21st. 1901.

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 3.

To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

Whereas, There are now settled upon a portion of the Clarke forest reserve in the State of Montana, and within of Teton County, eighteen bona fide settlers who settled in and upon the lands now forming a part of the said forest reserve to the time said lands were segregated from the public domain into said forest reserve, and ever since said time at residing upon said lands; that they have made substantial improvements upon said lands and the same constitute their only place of abode; that by reason of the fact that the said so segregated and placed in said reserve said settlers are obtain title to said lands, and

Whereas, Said lands so settled upon by said settlers is land, no part of which is covered by timber; that said settlers, what would be known, if surveyed, as townships 22, 23, 27, 28 and 29 N, R 9 W of Montana Meridian; that all contained in said townships is [are] devoid of timber, save scrubby growth in a few and exceptional places on said lands fit and suitable for stock grazing.

Therefore be it resolved, That we, your memorialists, Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana, earnestly petition the Congress of the United States to cause such surveyed and thrown open to settlement and become a public domain, subject to entry under the general land enact such legislation as will result at an early period about and effecting the result herein contained and indicated.

Resolved, That our senators and representative at Washington hereby instructed to use all honorable means to accomplish hereby instructed to use all honorable means to accomplish

Resolved, That the Secretary of State of the State of Montana and he is hereby instructed to send a copy of this joint our senators and representative at Washington, D. C.

Approved March 5th. 1901.